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SUBJECT: MARCOS STATEMENT RE ARMS REQUEST

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1. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE TEXT OF MARCOS' LUCENA SPEECH, UPI ACCOUNT APPEARS SOMEWHAT DISTORTED. MARCOS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO PHILIPPINE PEOPLE WHY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN SUPPRESSING MUSLIM REVOLT, INCLUDING POINT THAT AMERICAN FRIENDS HAD PROBLEMS PROVIDING HELP EVEN TO VIETNAM, TO SAY NOTHING OF PHILIPPINES.

2. MAIN THRUST OF MARCOS' SPEECH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TO GO ON RECORD SEEKING GOOD OFFICES, ESPECIALLY INDONESIAN AND ARAB, FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH THE MUSLIMS. IF, AFTER THIS ATTEMPT AT PEACEFUL SOLUTION, MUSLIMS CONTINUE REVOLT HE WILL HAVE BETTER JUSTIFICATION FOR MORE AGGRESSIVE MILITARY ACTION.

3. I WOULD THINK THAT MARCOS' POSITION WOULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR US TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO MELCHOR REQUEST.
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